

# IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## RETURN

OF

## PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE  
LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886;" AND "THE  
PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

MARCH, 1891.

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# IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## MONTH OF MARCH, 1891.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 31st day of March, 1891; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

### COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

#### I.—FAIR RENT.

##### (a.) In Court.

|                                                                                                                                                                     |         |         |                                                   |         |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 28th February, 1891, . . .                                                  | 170,887 |         | Rents Fixed—                                      |         |         |
| Applications received in month of March, 1891, . . .                                                                                                                | 216     |         | By Chief Commission to 28th February, 1891, . . . | 3,478   |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                     |         | 171,203 | „ in month of Mar., 1891, . . .                   | 61      | 3,537   |
| Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 28th February, 1891, . . .             | 8,086   |         | By Sub-Commissions to 28th February, 1891, . . .  | 134,445 |         |
| Do. in month of March, 1891, . . .                                                                                                                                  | 26      |         | „ in month of Mar., 1891, . . .                   | 1,360   | 135,706 |
|                                                                                                                                                                     |         | 8,121   | Dismissed and struck out—                         |         |         |
| Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 28th February, 1891, . . .                                  | 27,744  |         | By Chief Commission to 28th February, 1891, . . . | 2,007   |         |
| Applications received in month of March, 1891, . . .                                                                                                                | 27      |         | „ in month of Mar., 1891, . . .                   | 7       | 2,014   |
|                                                                                                                                                                     |         | 27,771  | By Sub-Commissions to 28th February, 1891, . . .  | 34,841  |         |
| Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . | 1,104   |         | „ in month of Mar., 1891, . . .                   | 573     | 35,214  |
| Do. in month of March, 1891, . . .                                                                                                                                  | 6       |         | Withdrawn*—                                       |         |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                     |         | 1,200   | By Chief Commission to 28th February, 1891, . . . | 4,784   |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                     |         |         | „ in month of Mar., 1891, . . .                   | 54      | 4,818   |
|                                                                                                                                                                     |         |         | By Sub-Commissions to 28th February, 1891, . . .  | 8,571   |         |
|                                                                                                                                                                     |         |         | „ in month of Mar., 1891, . . .                   | 22      | 8,593   |
| Total, . . .                                                                                                                                                        | —       | 208,235 | Total disposed of, . . .                          | —       | 169,881 |

##### (b.) Out of Court.

|                                                                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 28th February, 1891, . . . | 107,685 |
| Do., do. in month of March, 1891, . . .                                             | 307     |
| Total, . . .                                                                        | 107,993 |

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.\*

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Miscellaneous Originating Notices<br>(e.g., Sale of Tenancies and<br>Resumption of Holdings, &c.):<br>Applications received to 28th<br>February, 1891, . . . . .                                                | 1,130 | 1,143 | Number disposed of to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . . | 1,934 |
| Applications received in<br>month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                                                                                                                     | 4     |       | " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .          | 10    |
| Miscellaneous Originating Notices<br>(e.g., Sale of Tenancies and<br>Resumption of Holdings, &c.)<br>transferred from Civil Bill<br>Courts to 28th February, 1891,<br>Do. in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . . | 27    |       |                                                  |       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | —     |       |                                                  |       |
| Applications by Leaseholders<br>to be declared Tenants of present<br>tenancies (Form 81) received<br>to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                                                                          | 987   | 27    |                                                  |       |
| Applications in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                                                                                                                                                              | 6     |       |                                                  |       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | —     | 993   |                                                  |       |
| Total, . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                | —     | 2,103 | Total disposed of, . . . . .                     | 1,944 |

\* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, for rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

## III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTOR TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

|                                                                       |    |                                                                             |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| Number of Applications received to 28th<br>February, 1888,† . . . . . | 55 | Leases or Grants declared void to<br>28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .             | 59 | 23 |
|                                                                       |    | " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                                     | 3  |    |
|                                                                       |    | Applications dismissed or struck<br>out to 28th Feb.,<br>1891, . . . . .    | 25 | 26 |
|                                                                       |    | " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                                     | 1  |    |
|                                                                       |    | Applications withdrawn or compro-<br>mised to 28th Feb.,<br>1891, . . . . . | 3  | 3  |
|                                                                       |    | " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                                     | —  |    |
| Total, . . . . .                                                      | 55 | Total disposed of, . . . . .                                                | —  | 51 |

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind, expired on the 28th February, 1888.

## IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

|                                                                              |   |                                                                       |   |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of Applications received<br>to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .             | 9 | Applications granted to 28th Feb.,<br>1891, . . . . .                 | — | — |
| " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                                      | — | " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                               | — |   |
| " Transferred from Civil<br>Bill Courts to 28th<br>February, 1891, . . . . . | 3 | Applications dismissed or struck out<br>to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . . | 4 | 7 |
| " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                                      | — | " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                               | 1 |   |
|                                                                              |   | Applications withdrawn to 28th<br>February, 1891, . . . . .           | 1 | 1 |
|                                                                              |   | " in month of March,<br>1891, . . . . .                               | — |   |
| Total, . . . . .                                                             | — | Total disposed of, . . . . .                                          | — | 8 |

## V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885—1886.

|                                                     |       |                                                                                 |       |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Applications received to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . . | 3,039 | Rents fixed to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .                                       | 2,337 | 2,339 |
| "    in March, 1891, . . . . .                      | 28    | "    in March, 1891, . . . . .                                                  | 2     |       |
|                                                     |       | Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . . | 255   | 256   |
|                                                     |       | "    in March, 1891, . . . . .                                                  | 1     |       |
| Total, . . . . .                                    | 3,067 | Total disposed of, . . . . .                                                    | —     | 2,595 |

## VI.—APPEALS re FAIR RENT, &amp;c.

|                                                        |        |                                                              |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Number of Appeals lodged to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . . | 36,002 | Number heard to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .                   | 14,505 | 14,740 |
| "    in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                | 108    | "    in month of Mar., 1891, . . . . .                       | 234    |        |
|                                                        |        | Number dismissed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . . | *1,070 | 801    |
|                                                        |        | "    in month of Mar., 1891, . . . . .                       | —      |        |
|                                                        |        | Deduct cases reinstated to 31st March, 1891, . . . . .       | 1,076  | 15,060 |
|                                                        |        | "    in month of Mar., 1891, . . . . .                       | 275    |        |
|                                                        |        | Number withdrawn to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .               | 14,904 | 30,801 |
|                                                        |        | "    in month of Mar., 1891, . . . . .                       | 156    |        |
| Total, . . . . .                                       | 36,110 | Total Number disposed of, . . . . .                          | —      | 6,169  |
|                                                        |        | Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .                       | —      | 36,770 |

\* In 645 cases the Notices were struck out because maps were not lodged as required by Rule 74, and in 433 cases because the Notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 68 cases, and of the latter 215 cases, were reinstated.

## VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

|                                                     | Number. | Amount.     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Loans applied for to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | 25,163  | £ 9,761,379 |
| "    in March, 1891, . . . . .                      | 533     | 186,503     |
|                                                     | 25,636  | 9,948,078   |
| Loans sanctioned to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .  | 19,906  | 7,932,293   |
| "    in March, 1891, . . . . .                      | 457     | 122,036     |
|                                                     | 19,763  | 8,074,329   |
| Loans issued to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .      | 14,421  | 6,098,690   |
| "    in March, 1891, . . . . .                      | 236     | 126,343     |
|                                                     | 14,657  | 6,225,033   |

## CIVIL BILL COURTS.

## MONTH OF MARCH, 1891.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of March, 1891.

## I. FAIR RENT.

(a) *In Court.*

|                                                                                                                                                                    |        |        |                                                                                           |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                                             | 24,678 | 24,694 | Rent fixed to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                                              | 12,954 | 13,076 |
| Applications received in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                                                                           | 131    |        | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | 122    |        |
| Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                                      | 3,543  | 3,584  | Applications dismissed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .                        | 2,646  | 2,674  |
| Applications received in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                                                                           | 21     |        | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | 28     |        |
| Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an adjournment is pending, to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | 1,805  | 1,819  | Applications withdrawn* to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                                 | 283    | 284    |
| Applications received in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                                                                           | 14     |        | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | 1      |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |        |        | Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | 8,968  | 9,029  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |        |        | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | 31     |        |
| Total, . . . . .                                                                                                                                                   | —      | 30,307 | Total disposed of, . . . . .                                                              | —      | 25,063 |

(b) *Out of Court.*

|                                                                                             |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 55, fixing Fair Rent to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | 7,024 |
| Do, do, in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                  | —     |
| Total, . . . . .                                                                            | 7,024 |

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES†

|                                                                                                                                                      |     |     |                                                                          |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | 498 | 411 | Number disposed of to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                     | 168 | 168 |
| Applications received in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                                                             | 3   |     | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                     | —   |     |
| Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 81), received to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                       | 3   | 3   | Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . . | 27  | 27  |
| Applications received in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                                                             | —   |     | Transferred in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                           | —   |     |
| Total, . . . . .                                                                                                                                     | —   | 414 | Total disposed of, . . . . .                                             | —   | 195 |

† The first notice of application to the Court, asking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is treated as an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

|                                                                   |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of Applications received to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | 6 | Leases or Grants declared void to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .                              | — |   |
|                                                                   |   | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | — |   |
|                                                                   |   | Applications dismissed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .                        | 6 |   |
|                                                                   |   | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | — | 6 |
|                                                                   |   | Applications withdrawn or compromised to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                   | — |   |
|                                                                   |   | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | — |   |
|                                                                   |   | Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | — |   |
|                                                                   |   | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | — |   |
| Total, . . . . .                                                  | 6 | Total disposed of, . . . . .                                                              | — | 6 |

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 28th February, 1891.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 3 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

|                                                                   |    |                                                                                           |   |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| Number of Applications received to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | 20 | Applications granted to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                                    | 1 |   |
| " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                              | —  | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | — | 1 |
|                                                                   |    | Applications dismissed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1891, . . . . .                        | 3 |   |
|                                                                   |    | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | — | 3 |
|                                                                   |    | Applications withdrawn to 28th February, 1891, . . . . .                                  | 1 |   |
|                                                                   |    | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | — | 1 |
|                                                                   |    | Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 28th February, 1891, . . . . . | 3 |   |
|                                                                   |    | " in month of March, 1891, . . . . .                                                      | — | 3 |
| Total, . . . . .                                                  | 20 | Total disposed of, . . . . .                                                              | — | 8 |

Irish Land Commission, }  
18th April, 1891.

JOHN H. FRANKS.